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House Resolution 1164

By: Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Smith of the 138th, Buckner of the 137th, Reese of the 140th, Jasperse of the 11th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life of the Honorable Richard H. Smith and dedicating an interchange in his
- 2 memory; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, the Honorable Richard H. Smith has long been recognized by the citizens of this
- 4 state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to
- 5 the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a native of Wrightsville, Georgia, Representative Smith graduated from Morgan
- 7 County High School and furthered his education by earning a Bachelor of Science from
- 8 Louisiana State University in 1968 and a Master of Science from the University of Florida
- 9 in 1970; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he began his career with the University of Florida Cooperative Extension
- 11 Service in 1970 and later served the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service
- 12 in numerous capacities; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 2004, where he
- 14 faithfully served eight terms and held significant positions, including chairman of the House
- 15 Insurance Committee and the House Rules Committee; and

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WHEREAS, Representative Smith further demonstrated his commitment to public service

- 17 by holding roles such as interim city manager for the Columbus Consolidated Government,
- 18 Columbus City councilor, and as a founding board member of the Chattahoochee Valley
- 19 Community Foundation; and
- 20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
- 21 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in his memory.
- 22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
- 23 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the interchange of Interstate 185 at U.S.
- 24 27-Alternate/Manchester Expressway in Muscogee County is dedicated as the Honorable
- 25 Richard H. Smith Memorial Interchange.
- 26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
- 27 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Honorable Richard H. Smith
- 28 Memorial Interchange.
- 29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 30 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
- family of the Honorable Richard H. Smith and to the Department of Transportation.